15. LTSA - PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

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The purpose of this report is to bring the Committee's attention to the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Framework (Draft for Consultation), October 2003.

The Framework sets out a comprehensive approach to improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Its use will help to reduce risk to pedestrians and cyclists through the use of best practice safety interventions in the areas of engineering, education and enforcement. The Framework provides operational detail for the recently released 'Road Safety 2010' strategy (LTSA) and safety detail for 'Getting There On Foot, By Bicycle' from the Ministry of Transport. These two documents are an outcome of the New Zealand Transport Strategy which identified the need to establish national policy frameworks for walking and cycling.

The draft Framework has been developed with substantial input from stakeholder groups and organisations, particularly local authorities and pedestrian and cyclist advocacy groups. Council staff from the Strategy and Policy, Community Relations, City Streets and City Solutions Units and a Cycle Safe Co-ordinator have all been part of the development of this framework. Meetings were conducted by the LTSA throughout New Zealand.

The closing date for submissions is 7 November 2003, however, an extension until 18 November 2003 has been permitted by the LTSA. As it was not possible to convene a seminar on this matter prior to this Committee meeting, it is proposed to discuss the basis of a submission at this meeting and finalise a submission before 18 November 2003, to be ratified at the 20 November 2003 Council meeting.

Staff

Recommendation: For discussion.

Chairman's

Recommendation: 1. That the Committee consider the presentation by staff and provide comment.

2. That preparation of a final submission be delegated to staff.